



## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

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## **Recommendations of the Finance Committee for the articles prepared for the Warrant of the Special Town Meeting scheduled for Monday, May 08, 2017**

### **Article 1**

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 1 as written in the amount of \$430,672.00. This article funds the shortfalls in the FY17 budget by transferring unspent funds from various departments in the amount of \$165,627.00 and through the transfer of Free Cash in the amount of \$265,045.00.

### **Article 2**

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 2 in the amount of \$246,000.00. This article covers the deficit spending in the FY17 Snow and Ice Account. The transfer of funds from Free Cash in the amount of \$110,180.00 and the transfer from unspent funds from various departments in the amount of \$135,820.00 will balance the Snow and Ice Salaries Account (\$45,971.33) and the Snow and Ice Expenses Account (\$199,358.58).

### **Article 3**

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 3 in an amount not to exceed \$16,000.00. This article will be funded by Free Cash for the development of an evacuation plan made necessary by the development of the propane facility at the north end of the Grafton & Upton Railroad.

### **Article 4**

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 4 as written.

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| APP GEO | \$3,197.06 |
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| National Grid | \$181.95 |
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The bills listed were incurred in a prior fiscal year and were not submitted in time for payment. These FY16 bills will be paid from the transfer of existing appropriate available funds from the FY17 operating departmental budgets that incurred them. Passage of Article 4 requires a 9/10 vote.

### **Article 5**

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 5 as written.

This article transfers funds from the Assessors' FY17 expense budget to fund the replacement of the outdated CAMA system.

**Finance Committee Recommendations for the Special Town Meeting of May 08, 2017****Article 6**

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 6 in the amount of \$46,600.00. This article funds the shortfall with Free Cash and interdepartmental transfers to balance the Unemployment Insurance Account for FY17.

**Article 7**

The Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 7 as written. This article satisfies the Community Preservation Act requirement to reserve 10% of Community Preservations Act funds for Affordable Housing purposes. It is the result of a larger than expected State match.

**Article 8**

The Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 8 as written. This article satisfies the Community Preservation Act requirement to reserve 10% of Community Preservations Act funds for Open Space Preservation purposes. It is the result of a larger than expected State match.

**Article 9**

The Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 9 as written. This article satisfies the Community Preservation Act requirement to reserve 10% of Community Preservations Act funds for Historic Preservation purposes. It is the result of a larger than expected State match.

**Article 10**

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 10 as written. The columns are cracked, one section has broken off at the bottom and they need to be sealed to prevent further deterioration. These are the original columns and have not been maintained since the building was built.

**Article 11**

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 11 in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00. Town Meeting voted in October 2017 to appropriate these funds for this purpose.

**Article 12**

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 12 as written. This article authorizes the Board of Selectmen to sell the town-owned land located between Centech Boulevard and Route 30/Westboro Road. This 0.85 acre parcel is currently assessed at \$6,600.00.

**Article 13**

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 13 as written. This transfer is necessary in order to fund the debt service for the facility upgrade that was previously approved by Town Meeting.

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**Article 14**

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 14 as written.

This will allow the Board of Selectmen to pursue an opportunity to bring revenue into the Town.

**Article 15**

The Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 15.

This article asks the Board of Selectmen to declare their opposition to the West Boylston Lateral pipeline running through the Town of Grafton and to apply for Intervenor Status once an application for the pipeline is filed with FERC. Finance Committee agrees with the petitioners that the proposed pipeline could negatively impact the Town of Grafton, the health and safety of its residents, the environment and may not provide a benefit to the region regarding its supply of natural gas.